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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2452

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON AND NEA/EX DIRECTOR
WILLIAMSON FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 158885

1. WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR OFFER TO ASSIST US
IN THESE TRYING TIMES, AND WHILE NOT NECESSARILY
RELATED TO THE SECURITY SITUATION PER SE, WE DO NEED URGENT
HELP IN MANNING OUR CONSULAR SECTION TO MEET HIGHLY
INCREASED AND UNFORESEEN DEMANDS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ISSUED
6,400 NIV'S IN JUNE WHICH IS 50 PERCENT HIGHER THAN ANY PREVIOUS
MONTHLY TOTAL. BECAUSE OF THE CRUSH OF BUSINESS WE ARE
NOW HAVING TO TURN AWAY UP TO 200 APPLICANTS EACH DAY
WHO ARE STANDING ON THE SIDEWALK IN 105-DEGREE TEMPERATURES.
THE OTHER DAY A LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS BECAME INCREASINGLY
IMPATIENT OVER OUR INABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE THEM PROMPTLY
AND CAUSED A NEAR RIOT REQUIRING HEAVY POLICE PROTECTION
OF THE BUILDING. AMERICAN AND LOCAL STAFF EMPLOYEES WHO
ARE ALREADY DEMORALIZED AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF THEIR
COLLEAGUE NEED AND DESERVE HELP.

2. WE HAVE TRIED TO DO WHAT WE CAN WITHIN OUR OWN
RESOURCES TO EASE THE SITUATION BY (A) ASKING VICE CONSUL
CAMBELL TO COME TO TEHRAN ON A TDY BASIS FOR THREE WEEKS
LEAVING TABRIZ MANNED BY A SINGLE OFFICER; (B) ASSIGNING
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OTHER OFFICERS IN THE EMBASSY WHO HAVE CONSULAR COMMISSIONS
TO THE CONSULATE ON A ROTATING BASIS; (C) CONTEMPLATING A
SIX-DAY WORK WEEK FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION.

3. WE ARE EXCEEDINGLY RELUCTANT TO INSTITUTE THE MEASURE
MENTIONED IN PARA 2(C) ABOVE BECAUSE OF ITS COST AND LIKELY
ADVERSE EFFECT ON AN ALREADY OVERWORKED AND DEMORALIZED
STAFF AND WOULD HOPE THAT YOU CAN ENABLE US TO AVOID PURSUING
THIS COURSE OF ACTION BY PROVIDING US THE FOLLOWING:
(A) A TDY EXPERIENCED CONSULAR OFFICER IMMEDIATELY TO SERVE
THROUGH MID-SEPTEMBER; (B) AUTHORIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT NOW
OF THE ADDITIONAL CONSULAR OFFICER WHICH IS IN OUR FY 1977
BUDGET REQUEST; (C) AUTHORIZATION OF ANOTHER AMERICAN CLERK
TYPIST POSITION AS WELL AS TWO FSL POSITIONS TO REPLACE
TYPIST ADMIN LOAN AND TWO FSL POSITIONS IN FY 1976 CONSULAR PACKAGE.
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